

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) An over-height vehicle barrier, said barrier having a series of over-height vehicle engaging members mounted ~~in closely spaced relationship~~ on a supporting beam mounted above a roadway such that each member hangs beneath the supporting beam for possible engagement by an over-height vehicle, each member being pivotally mounted to the supporting beam at an upper end portion thereof such that each member can pivot about the axis of the ~~supporting~~ beam independently of the other members when struck by an over-height vehicle, and a second beam spaced from the supporting beam to be engaged by said members pivoting about the supporting beam when struck by an over-height vehicle and to thereby cause the members to pivot in a return direction, ~~[[and]]~~ wherein engagement of said members by a vehicle generates a warning noise to alert the driver of the vehicle, and wherein each of the members is in the form of a blade having opposed sides and a relatively narrow leading face towards the oncoming traffic, the members being mounted with the adjacent sides of adjacent members being in closely spaced relationship whereby the series of vehicle engaging members provides the appearance of a solid beam facing the oncoming traffic.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A barrier according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein the supporting beam is of circular cross section ~~[[to]]~~ and provides a direct pivotal mounting for each blade.

5. (Currently Amended) A barrier according to claim [[2]] 4, wherein the blades are each of a semi-rigid structure capable of deforming upon impact to absorb energy.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A barrier according to claim [[1]] 5, wherein the second beam ~~against which the members impact comprises a gantry beam from which the supporting beam is rigidly mounted so that the supporting beam lies beneath the gantry beam~~ is a tube of circular cross-section mounted above the supporting beam and spaced therefrom so that when impacted by the pivoting members a load resonant noise will be generated.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A barrier according to claim 1, wherein ~~said further the second beam which the members impact~~ is a tube of circular cross-section mounted above the supporting beam and spaced therefrom so that when impacted by the pivoting members, ~~the gantry beam will generate~~ a load resonant noise will be generated.

10-15. (Canceled)

16. (New) A barrier according to claim 8, wherein the second beam comprises a gantry beam from which the supporting beam is rigidly mounted

17. (New) An over-height vehicle barrier, said barrier having a supporting beam mounted above a roadway, multiple blade-like members suspended downwardly from the beam with the members being arranged in parallel relationship with a relatively narrow leading face of each member facing oncoming traffic on the roadway for possible engagement by an over-height vehicle such that each member can rotate about the axis of the beam independently of the other members when struck by an over-height vehicle, the blade-like members having opposed sides and being mounted with the adjacent sides of adjacent members in close proximity one to another whereby to provide the appearance of a solid beam facing the oncoming traffic, and means engageable by the rotating members when struck by a vehicle to limit the extent of rotation about the axis of the beam and to thereby cause the members to rotate in a return direction, each said member being composed of a material which is resiliently deformable when struck by an over-height vehicle to absorb energy upon impact, and wherein engagement of said members by a vehicle generates a warning noise to alert the driver of the vehicle.

18. (New) A barrier according to claim 17, wherein each member has substantially flat parallel opposed sides and is of a downwardly tapering profile when viewed from the side.

19. (New) An over-height vehicle barrier, said barrier having a supporting beam mounted above a roadway, multiple members rotatably mounted to the supporting beam such that the members are suspended downwardly from the beam with the members having substantially flat parallel opposed sides and being arranged in parallel relationship with a relatively narrow leading face of each member facing oncoming traffic on the roadway for possible engagement by an over-height vehicle such that each member can rotate about the axis of the beam independently of the other members when struck by an over-height vehicle, the members being mounted with the adjacent sides of adjacent members in close proximity one to another whereby to provide the appearance of a solid beam facing the oncoming traffic, and a second beam spaced above the supporting beam to be engageable by the rotating members when struck by a vehicle to limit the extent of rotation about the axis of the supporting beam and to thereby cause the members to rotate in return direction, each said member being composed of a material which is resiliently deformable when struck by an over-height vehicle to absorb energy upon impact, and the second beam being of tubular form so as to generate a loud resonant noise when impacted by the rotating members.